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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION

JOSE S. GARZA
)
VS.
) C.A: H-4:12-CV-03532
) JURY
NATIONAL OILWELL VARCO,)
LP
)

ORAL DEPOSITION OF

BOB MILLER

OCTOBER 31, 2013

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ORAL DEPOSITION of BOB MILLER, produced as a witness at the instance of the Plaintiff, and duly sworn, was taken in the above-styled and numbered cause on the 31st day of October, 2013, from 10:06 a.m. to 11:40 a.m., before Lana Sholders, CSR in and for the State of Texas, reported/recorded by machine shorthand, at the offices of Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart, P.C., 400 Dallas, Suite 3000, Houston, Texas, pursuant to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.



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1	APPEARANCES:	1	BOB MILLER,
2	ATT BARAIN & BO.	2	having been first duly sworn, testified as follows:
3	FOR THE PLAINTIFF:	3	EXAMINATION
4	MR. PETER COSTEA Attorney at Law	4	BY MR. COSTEA:
•	Three Riverway, Suite 1800	5	Q. Please state your full name?
5	Houston, Texas 77056	6	A. Bobby Jay Miller.
6	Phone 713.337.4304 Fax 713.659.5302	7	Q. Mr. Miller, my name is Peter Costea and I am
	Email costealaw@yahoo.com	8	an attorney and I thank you very much for showing up
7 8		9	here today. I understand a couple of weeks ago, maybe
0	FOR THE DEFENDANT:	10	a month ago or so you've been subpoenaed, correct?
9	MS. CHRISTINE M. WHITE	11	A. Yes.
10	Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart, P.C., 701 Poydras Street, Suite 3500	12	Q. We're going to start out by looking at some
0	New Orleans, Louisiana 70139	13	documents today.
11	Phone 504.648.3840	14	(Exhibit No. 1 marked.)
12	Fax 504.648.3859 Email christine.white@ogletreedeakins.com	15	Q. (By Mr. Costea) The first document we are
13		16	going to look at has a label on it. It's Exhibit No.
14 15		17	1. Do you see the label on it?
16		18	A. Yes.
17		19	Q. The sticky. You will also see that the
18 19		20	documents or most of the documents you are going to
20		21	look at today also have numbers right at the bottom of
21		22	the page. For instance, page 1 of Exhibit No. 1 has a
22 23		23	number of NOVJFG341. Do you see that?
24		24	A. Yes. Q. And occasionally throughout our conversation
25	Page 3	23	Q. And occasionally infolighout our conversation Page 5
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1	INDEX	1	today I might reference documents by exhibit number
2	Appearances2	2	and then also by the number, the number at the bottom
3	BOB MILLER:	3	of the page. Let's start with the first page of
4	Examination by Mr. Costea4	4	Exhibit No. 1. It's Job Skills Inventory for a person
5	Signature and Changes	5	by the name of Steven Hunt; right?
6	Reporter's Certificate Page 72	6 7	A. Yes.
7	2714 2F 1774 FERVA	8	Q. Were you employed by National Oilwell Varco as of August of 2008?
8	EXHIBITS	o a	A. Yes.
9	NO. DESCRIPTION PAGE	10	Q. What was your position?
10	1.0.	11	A. What was my position?
11	1 Job Skills Inventory 4 2 Promotion/Salary Increase Documents 36	12	Q. Yes, sir.
12 13	2	13	A. Manufacturing I think National used the
14	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	14	term production manager.
15	4 Forklift Operator Form 65 5 Forklift Operator Form 66	15	Q. How long have you worked for National
16	6 Department Tally Sheet 66	16	Oilwell Varco, NOV, in all?
17	7 Copy of Business Cards 68	17	A. If I can recall the year, I think it was '99
18	8 Safety Meeting Training Report 68	18	during the acquisition of Continental Emsco and
19	<u> </u>	19	National.
20		20	Q. You said Continental Esco?
21		21	A. Continental Emsco, E-m-s-c-o.
22		22	Q. E-m?
23		23	A. S-c-o and I was under the oil state industry
24		24	division which was part of Emsco at the time.
25		25	Q. But you have been an employee of NOV since

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-		1	A. In a formal letter.
1 2	approximately 1999? A. Yes.	2	Q. Do you still have that letter?
3	Q. And as of 2008 NOV employed you as its	3	A. Yes, I do.
I .		4	Q. Do you recall who signed that letter?
4 5	production manager, right? A. Yes.	5	A. No, I don't recall. I couldn't say for
6	Q. At the FM 529 location?	6	sure.
7	A. Yes.	7	Q. As the production manager in 2009, did you
8	A. 1 es. Q. Could you please tell me as of August of	8	have the authority to hire or fire employees?
9	2008 what a job skills inventory was or the relevance	9	A. Yes.
10	of this document at NOV, page 1 of Exhibit No. 1?	10	Q. Did you have the authority to discipline
11	A. Say that question again.	11	employees?
12	Q. Yes. What was the relevance, what was the	12	A. Yes.
13	rationale for a job skills inventory at NOV in August	13	Q. Did you have the authority to give them
14	of 2008?	14	raises?
15	MS. WHITE: Objection. Form.	15	A. Yes.
16	A. I don't recall.	16	Q. Okay.
17	A. I don't recall. Q. (By Mr. Costea) Do you know	17	A. Let me clarify that. I could submit a
18	Mr. Steven Hunt?	18	request for an increase.
19	A. I do recall the gentleman.	19	Q. Okay. For raises. Fair enough.
20	Q. Has he ever reported to you?	20	A. To my supervisor.
21	A. Yes, he did.	21	Q. And who was your supervisor in 2009?
22	Q. In 2008?	22	A. Richard Urquhart.
23	A. Yes.	23	Q. You said Earnhardt?
24	Q. And in 2008 when he started reporting to	24	A. Urquhart.
25	you, were you production manager?	25	Q. And what was his job with NOV at that point
	Page 7		Page 9
1	A. Yes, I was.	1	in time?
2	Q. How long did you stay employed with NOV?	2	A. He was plant manager, I think was probably
3	A. I took the retirement package that they	3	the formal title.
4	offered and retired in 2009. I think it was May, if I	4	Q. Plant manager at the FM
5	recall.	5	A. FM 529 facility.
6	Q. Okay. May of 2009. How long in advance of	6	Q 529? And as of the early part of 2009,
7	May of 2009 did you know that you were about to retire	7	did you know a person by the name of Jose Garza?
8	or offered early retirement?	8	A. Yes.
9	A. I don't recall exactly. I think it was the	9	Q. Did Mr. Garza and Mr. Hunt work in the same
10	early part of the year. I know there was some	10	division, the same group?
11	individuals left earlier. I was retained to the very	11	A. They worked in the assembly department in
12	end of the - of their package deal that they offered,	12	different areas.
13	but I don't recall what month.	13	Q. Did they have the same supervisor?
14	Q. How old were you at that time?	14	A. No.
15	A. Let me do my math here.	15	Q. As of –
16	Q. Just give me the year of your birth.	16	A. Could I clarify that?
17	A. '44. I was born in '44.	17	Q. Please. Absolutely.
18	Q. So you're about	18	A. We worked in teams. There was pump teams,
19	A. September of '44.	19	draw works team, and additional teams but for the
20	Q. So you were about 65?	20	clarity of this, Mr. Garza worked in the pump team.
21	A. 64, I think.	21	Mr. Hunt was in the draw works division or the teams,
22	Q. And how was the early retirement	22	but it was not uncommon as work would dictate to move
23	communicated to you or the possibility of early	23	people from one team to the other to work with
24	retirement communicated to you in the early part of	24	additional people. To explain the pump deal, you
25	2009?	25	could move somebody out of the draw works division to

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1	Q. Going on to the next page, we see an	1	A. What would be?
2	employee data form with a date at the bottom of the	2	Q. Yes, sir.
3	page of 12-12-2008 signed by Bill Butler and it	3	A. We didn't tolerate playing jokes. We didn't
4	reflects a salary change for Mr. Hunt and the	4	tolerate, if I classify horseplay of child type
5	rationale is conversion from NOV temp to regular	5	behavior, throwing things. You know, it's it's a
6	employee, right?	6	business environment and you're to conduct yourself
7	A. Correct.	7	accordingly. For me to describe everything, I
8	Q. And that obviously jives with what you just	8	couldn't go into every detail.
9	told me, correct?	9	Q. Right. So you're saying to me that you
10	A. Yes.	10	cannot actually factually substantiate the horseplay
11	Q. I am towards the top of the page right	11	and inappropriate behavior that resulted in this
12	below Mr. Steven well, his full name, I guess, is	12	corrective action report?
13	Steven Bishop Hunt, we see a date of birth of October	13	MS. WHITE: Objection. Form.
14	the 5th, 1978. Do you see that?	14	A. I can't tell you what action was on this
15	A. Yes.	15	particular incident. I don't recall.
16	Q. So he appeared to be a young man to you	16	Q. (By Mr. Costea) You don't recall the
17	MS. WHITE: Objection. Form.	17	incident, you don't recall any facts you're telling
18		18	me?
19	Q. (By Mr. Costea) Mr. Hunt? A. I see his date of birth.	19	MS. WHITE: Objection. Form.
20		20	A. I don't recall the facts. I mean, I see the
21	Q. Right. October the 5th, 1978. Do you see	21	document; and I know that something was reported to me
22	that?	22	that I saw a need to discuss it with him.
23	A. Yes.	23	Q. (By Mr. Costea) Who reported the horseplay
•	Q. Going on to the next page of that same	24	and inappropriate behavior to you?
24	exhibit, I see a corrective action document given to	25	A. I don't recall.
25	Steven Hunt by you with a date of the incident of	23	A. Tubilitievan. Page 25
_	Page 23	1	
1	March 24, 2009, correct?	1	Q. Was it a man, or was it a woman?
2	A. Yes.	2	A. I don't recall.
3	Q. Did you fill out this form, Mr. Miller?	3	Q. Was it Mr. Garza?
4	A. Yes.	4	A. I don't recall.
5	Q. And did you do so on March 24th, 2009?	5	Q. Was it Mr. Butler?
6	A. Yes.	6	MS. WHITE: Objection. The witness has
7	Q. Did someone instruct you to prepare this	7	answered that he doesn't recall.
8	corrective action report on Mr. Hunt?	8	Q. (By Mr. Costea) Mr. Miller, I'm trying to
9	A. No one instructed me. Somebody made a	9	jog your memory. It's important for my case.
10.	complaint to me, and I would have took the action on	10 11	Otherwise, I could finish this testimony in five
11	myself.	12	minutes and go home.
12	Q. And did you show this corrective action	13	A. Well, I understand what you're saying and it
13	report to Mr. Hunt himself?	1	could even be that I could be walking through the shop
14	A. Yes.	14	and see him, you know, throw something or grab
15	Q. Now, the reason for the action that's	15	somebody or, you know, to hug them or whatever. I
16	identified there is "violation of company policy or	16	don't know but I can't recall this particular instance
17	procedure," right? What company policy or procedure	17	but I know there was something or I wouldn't have
18	did he violate on March 24, 2009?	18	brought him in and discussed it with him.
19	A. Well, it states that he was engaged in	19	Q. Yeah. But your memory seems to be fairly
20	horseplay and inappropriate behavior. So that was the	20	sharp that about six months before you trained him in
21	policy that was not acceptable.	21	sexual harassment?
22	Q. What type of horseplay did he engage in?	22	MS. WHITE: Objection. Form.
23	A. I don't recall whether it was jokingly or, I	23	A. Yeah, because that was policy.
24	mean, I just don't recall. Q. What was the inappropriate behavior?	24 25	Q. (By Mr. Costea) Well, it was policy; but I'm asking you for a fact: Did you train him on
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1	sexual harassment on 9-4-2008 or you are saying to me	1	this document, right?
2	"Probably I did because that's policy"?	2	A. Yes.
3	MS. WHITE: Objection	3	Q. Where did you get the form from?
4	Q. (By Mr. Costea) I want to know for a fact:	4	A. They're online.
5	Did you train him in sexual harassment on September	5	Q. They are online. Okay. And where did you
6	the 4th of 2008?	6	office?
7	MS. WHITE: Objection. Form. Asked	7	A. Where did I office?
8	and answered. Argumentative.	8	Q. Yes.
9	You can answer.	9	A. FM 529 facility.
10	A. I would say, yes, I did because that's	10	Q. Right. But where?
11	normal it's an important factor to me as well as to	11	A. In the front. As you come in the front door
12	the work place that I would have talked to him about	12	to the right at the end of the office.
13	that.	13	Q. Okay.
14	Q. (By Mr. Costea) Do you have an	14	A. End of the hallway.
15	understanding as to what this case is all about,	15	Q. So on March 24th somebody informed you of
16	Mr. Garza's case? Do you know what he's alleging in	16	some horseplay or inappropriate behavior and that on
17	this lawsuit?	17	the same day you went online and I mean, snatched
18	A. I was informed why I was under subpoena,	18	this form and filled it out and on the same day you
19		19	gave it to Mr. Hunt to sign?
20	yes. Q. Yeah. What did you learn?	20	MS. WHITE: Objection. Form.
21	A. That he had filed suit because he was	21	Q. (By Mr. Costea) Everything happened on the
22	wrongfully terminated due to the fact that he had	22	24th of March of 2009, right?
23	filed or took action against Steven Hunt on sexual	23	A. I would look at the document and say that it
24	harassment. That he had filed a complaint, and that	24	was the 24th that I filled out this document.
25	he was unlawfully terminated.	25	Q. Sir?
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1	Q. So given the understanding that you have	1	A. That I filled out this document.
2		2	Q. You say that in the you see where it says
3	about this lawsuit, I'm going back to the write-up that you gave to Mr. Hunt on March 24th, 2009 and I'm	3	"Description of the incident," it says complete
4	trying to figure out the best way you can what the	4	"Provide a complete and concise description of the
5	horseplay and the inappropriate behavior was. Did	5	circumstances that caused the issuance of this
6	that in any way relate to comments of a sexual nature,	6	warning. Be as specific as possible including names,
7	foul mouth, inappropriate touching specifically of	7	dates, times, and locations," right?
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1 2	That hattra'/		
8	that nature? MS_WHITE: Objection_Form	8	A. Yes.
9	MS. WHITE: Objection. Form.	9	A. Yes. Q. And you did not comply with that
9	MS. WHITE: Objection. Form. A. I can't recall this date and anything.	9 10	A. Yes. Q. And you did not comply with that requirement, did you?
9 10 11	MS. WHITE: Objection. Form. A. I can't recall this date and anything. Q. (By Mr. Costea) When you gave this	9 10 11	A. Yes. Q. And you did not comply with that requirement, did you? MS. WHITE: Objection. Form.
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2 A	MS. WHITE: Objection. Form.	1	Q. Are you speculating, or are you giving me a
	Argumentative and assumes facts not established.	2	fact?
ر ا	Q. (By Mr. Costea) Mr. Miller, I am	3	A. It would be speculation. I do not recall.
4	A. This	4	Q. So you're saying that a plant where you
5	Q. Go ahead.	5	have, I don't know, maybe hundreds of employees nobody
6	A. This does not necessarily say that somebody	6	was available to witness you giving this corrective
*	filed a complaint. As I told you earlier, I could	7	action notice to Mr. Hunt?
1	have witnessed something that	8	MS. WHITE: Objection. Form.
9	Q. I'm trying to figure out what you witnessed,	9	Argumentative. The witness has testified he doesn't
!	Mr. Miller.	10	recall the specifics and so continuing to ask
11	A. As I told you earlier, it could have been	11	questions about the specifics is really not getting us
i .	numerous things.	12	anywhere.
13	Q. Fair to say you do not recall?	13	Q. (By Mr. Costea) Mr. Miller, you understand
14	A. I do not recall.	14	I'm testing your credibility here today?
15	Q. Under corrective action to be taken, you say	15	A. I do understand.
1	that he has to improve immediately, right?	16	Q. Okay. So I'm asking, I'm giving you the
17	A. Yes.	17	option to try to answer my questions the best you
18	Q. I don't see Mr. Hunt signing this corrective	18	recall because I'm going to ask you the same questions
l.	action report, do you?	19	in front of the jury. And I'm asking you: Give me
20	A. It was not required. The form is presented	20	for a fact, did you or did you not bring in a witness
	to the employees. They could either sign the form or	21	to witness the fact that you allegedly gave this
	they could disagree and not sign it.	22	corrective action report to Mr. Hunt on March 24,
23	Q. Well, the box "I agree with this warning" or	23	2009? The answer can be "Yes, "No," "I don't know,"
l.	"I disagree with this warning" is not checked, right?	24	or "I don't remember."
25	A. Correct.	25	MS. WHITE: Objection. Form.
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1	Q. So that gives me the impression that you did	1	A. I don't recall.
1	not meet with Mr. Hunt to discuss this write-up with	2	Q. (By Mr. Costea) Fair enough. Is that your
	nim?	3	signature at the bottom of the page?
4	MS. WHITE: Objection. Form.	4	A. Yes, it is.
5	A. No, I would not say that. I would say that	5	Q. Did you actually sign your name in that
6 h	ne just rejected the whole idea.	6	next to the manager's signature or did you imprint an
7	Q. (By Mr. Costea) Well, you're speculating.	7	electronic signature on the top document?
8 I	need facts. I need to know what you know,	8	A. That's my actual signature.
	Mr. Miller.	9	Q. And did you sign this document in Mr. Hunt's
10	A. I do not know.	10	presence?
11	Q. What was his reaction? What did he say?	11	A. I don't recall.
12	MS. WHITE: Objection. Form.	12	Q. Going on to the next page, we have an
13	A. I don't recall.	13	employee warning notice for Mr. Hunt. Is that your
14	Q. (By Mr. Costea) Okay. Witness signature,	14	handwriting anywhere on page 331?
	no one has signed witnessing the fact that you gave	15	A. I don't think any of this no, it's not my
	this corrective that allegedly you gave this	16	handwriting.
17 c	corrective action notice to Mr. Hunt, right?	17	Q. Do you recognize the handwriting?
18	A. Nobody signed.	18	A. I don't recognize handwriting.
19	Q. Why not?	19	Q. What about the signature of the supervisor?
20	MS. WHITE: Objection form.	20	A. There is no signature.
21	Q. (By Mr. Costea) Did you ask somebody to	21	Q. It says "Signature of supervisor who issued
	come in and witness you giving this corrective action	22	the warning." Do you see that?
	report notice to Mr. Hunt?	23	A. Yeah, I don't recognize that.
24	A. There was no apparently nobody there at	24	Q. Is that Mr. Goff?
25 ti	that time.	25	A. I don't know.

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1	to tell the jury that prior to July the 10th of 2007	1	going to be a problem. You understand that?
2	you gave Mr. Garza oral warnings, right?	2	A. No. I can only tell you what I can
3	MS. WHITE: Objection. Form.	3	remember.
4	A. I'm not going to tell you I did but I'm	4	Q. So I want to give you the opportunity, if
5	saying this is a written one and this was to	5	you don't recall, you don't recall and we are going to
6	explain the form if this was even a second warning or	6	close this subject. You don't recall any specific
7	a third, the "X" would be marked in the second or the	7	threats that Mr. Garza displayed towards Mr. Oswaldo,
8	third. It wouldn't be three "X's" down there to get	8	whether it was actions, whether it was words?
9	the shown on this form. It shows what form this	9	A. I don't recall.
10	is. There could have been previous warnings and	10	Q. Now, if I go by this document, it seems that
11	previous documents.	11	Mr. Garza signed it, didn't he?
12	Q. (By Mr. Costea) Let's see what you're	12	A. Yes.
13	stating there. Employer's statement. "Disruptive	13	Q. And it looks like you gave it to him on July
14	behavior. Threats to fellow employee coworker	14	the 11th, right?
15	Galvan Oswaldo," right?	15	A. Yes.
16	A. Yes.	16	Q. Going on to the next page of that same
17	Q. Give me the facts. What happened, please?	17	exhibit. You gave Mr. Garza a corrective action
18	A. I can only recall the name that there was	18	notice on April the 24th, 2009, correct?
19	words and some threatening behavior from Jose to	19	A. Yes.
20	Mr. Oswaldo and I don't recall but I do recall the	20	Q. When was the last time that you that you
21	incident of the two gentlemen that their personalities	21	saw or that you read this corrective action report?
22	conflict and there was some things and that's all I	22	A. The last time?
23	can tell you that I recall.	23	Q. Yes.
24	Q. Did you give a warning to Mr. Oswaldo as	24	A. I would venture to say it was 4-27-09.
25	well?	25	Q. And that was approximately, what, about a
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1	A. I don't recall.	1	month or so before you left your employment with the
2	Q. And what threats did Mr. Garza convey to	2	company?
3	Mr. Oswaldo?	3	A. Yes.
4	A. I don't know. I can't recall exactly if	4	Q. Now, you are saying that in the
5	I it would strictly be speculation. I don't	5	description of the incident, you say that "On April
6	recall.	6	the 13th of 2009 Mr. Garza was alleged to have used
7	Q. Well, was it words? Was it actions? Was it	7	racial language to a coworker." Who was that
8	like taking a hammer?	8	coworker?
9	MS. WHITE: Objection. Form.	9	A. As best I can recall, there was some
10	Q. (By Mr. Costea) Mr. Miller	10	comments made to Mr. Hunt.
11	A. I don't recall.	11	Q. Who told you about those comments?
12	Q let me be frank with you.	12	A. I don't recall the individual.
13	A. I have 60, 80 employees	13	Q. And how do you know it was on April the
14	Q. I understand.	14	13th, 2009?
15	A and things and this is four or five years	15	A. The individual that would have reported the
16	ago. I just don't recall every detail of every day.	16	incident would have told me. This could have been
17	Q. You understand that I will call you to	17	most anybody.
18	testify in trial?	18	Q. You're saying that this is the second time
19	A. I understand.	19	that Jose has been disruptive and harassing his
20	Q. And you understand that today is my chance	20	coworkers. When was the first time?
21	to know what you know?	21	A. Well, the first time would have been on the
22	A. Yes.	22	previous page on 7-10-07.
23	Q. And if you are going to change your	23	Q. Of 2007. And you're saying his coworkers in
24	testimony and give a whole bunch of facts in front of	24	the plural and that was Mr. Oswaldo Galvan and the
25	the jury about the questions I'm asking today it's	25	second coworker was Mr. Hunt, right?

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1	A. Yes.	1	A. Yes.
2	Q. Any other coworkers that Mr. Garza allegedly	2	Q. So I suppose that the corrective action
3		3	report reflecting the incident on April 24th of 2009
1	was disruptive or he was harassing?	4	
4 5	A. I don't recall any names or any incidents.	5	was actually given to Mr. Garza on the 27th of April
	Q. Now, you indicate on this corrective action	6	of 2009, right?
6	report that well, strike that.	Į.	A. The form was filled out on the 24th, and he
7	Somebody indicates on this corrective	7	was brought in and on the 27th.
8	action report that Mr. Garza refused to sign the	8	Q. Fair enough. So as of the 27th of April of
9	corrective action notice, right?	9	2009, Mr. Garza you're saying had not yet complained
10	A. Yes.	10	to you about Mr. Hunt poking him with something?
11	Q. Is that your handwriting?	11	A. No, I'm not saying that.
12	A. The "X"?	12	Q. Well, I'm trying to figure out
13	Q. No. Where it says "Employee refused to	13	A. I don't know when he did. I don't recall
14	sign," do you see that?	14	the date. I remember the incident.
15	A. Yes. No, that's not my handwriting.	15	Q. You recall the incident because you
16	Q. Whose handwriting is that?	16	witnessed it yourself?
17	A. I don't know.	17	A. No.
18	Q. And I recognize a witness the witness'	18	Q. Somebody told you about it?
19	signature is Bill Butler; is that correct?	19	A. There was a complaint. Now, whether Jose
20	A. That is correct.	20	I don't even recall whether Jose I'm sure Jose
21	Q. So I take it that he witnessed the fact that	21	filed the complaint or reported the incident.
22	you gave this corrective action document to Mr. Garza;	22	Q. Well, I'm trying to make sure I understand
23	is that right?	23	what the testimony is and I apologize at least I am
24	A. Yes, he did.	24	confused. I asked you whether or not Mr. Garza
25	Q. Do you recall Mr. Garza anything that	25	himself complained to you about Mr. Hunt. And you
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1	Mr. Garza said back to you when you gave him this	1	said that he did complain about Mr. Hunt poking him
2	corrective action report? "I disagree" or, you know,	2	with a stick.
3	"This is bologna," anything along those lines?	3	A. Well, let me rephrase. Not a stick. I
4	A. I don't recall what he said.	4	remember him saying that he was poked in the buttocks
5	Q. Fair enough. Did he make any comments back	5	area.
6	to you about Mr. Hunt?	6	Q. With what? With a hand, with a finger, with
7	A. I don't recall.	7	a tool?
8	Q. Did he make any complaints about Mr. Hunt?	8	A. I don't recall and a little explanation I
9	A. Did he?	9	guess
10	Q. Yes.	10	Q. That's fine. Go ahead.
11	A. Yeah. I recall that he made a complaint	11	A. — if I may. If Jose is working with
12	about Mr. Hunt one time about his sexual harassment.	12	Mr. Hunt, when there's two different groups. So it's
13 .	He poked him with a stick or something in them or	13	an instance where they've been brought together to
14	poked him not with a stick but I remember poking	14	work due to the workload for some reason, either to
15	him with something.	15	expedite a delivery of a particular object or lack of
16	Q. Now, is that something that Mr. Garza told	16	work in a different group. They normally didn't work
17	you on the 27th of April?	17	together but on the draw works, a draw works is some
18	A. Is the what?	18	10 or 12 foot wide 25 or 30 foot long and you could
19	Q. Is that something that Mr. Garza told you on	19	have as many as six, eight guys or even ten possibly
20	April the 27th?	20	working on this draw works if you're trying to
21	A. No, I no, I don't think that was the	21	expedite delivery and you have pipe, you have pieces
22	date.	22	and different things and tools, and it wouldn't be
23	Q. Now, I see that I see that your	23	uncommon for you to be bent over doing something, me
24	signature — the dates corresponding to your signature	24	over here, me turn around and poke. So, you know, the
25	is 4-27-2009, right?	25	only deal is that there is an incident, I investigated
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1	the incident, and found that it was the fact that it	1	MS. WHITE: Objection. Form.
2	was poked. Now, I can't recall all the details; but I	2	Q. (By Mr. Costea) No problem. Now, if you
3	do recall this incident.	3	don't mind going back to grab Exhibit No. 1 and go
4	Q. And I appreciate the explanation and I think	4	to page 330. Now, we are looking at the corrective
5.	it's going to take us in the right direction but I'm	5	action report that you gave to Mr. Hunt on the month
6	trying to figure out: Did you first find out about	6	before on March 24th. Now, was it the poking
7	this incident from Mr. Garza himself.	7	incident and I'm not saying this to you to change
8	A. I would I'm only speculating; but I'm	8	your testimony, I'm just trying to jog your memory.
9	sure that he is the individual, I would think, that	9	Was it the poking incident that caused you to give
10	would report the incident.	10	Mr. Hunt the corrective action report where you talk
11	Q. To you?	11	about horseplay and inappropriate behavior?
12	A. Yes.	12	MS. WHITE: Objection. Form.
13	Q. Now, did he	13	A. No. I don't recall.
14	A. He would either let me back up here	14	Q. (By Mr. Costea) It was something
15	because the company, NOV, put in computers on the	15	different.
16	floor and I don't recall exactly what year, whether	16	A. I just don't recall what this incident was.
17	that was 2008 but I know it was not shortly before	17	Q. No problem. So after the I'm going to
18	I left. There was computers on the floor in the	18	refer to this as the poking incident that you
19	building. They were accessible to anybody to go	19	described to me. So after the poking incident was
20	online and file a complaint against anybody for	20	brought up to your attention, I think you said that
21	anything. And he could have used that form and I	21	you investigated it?
22	could be taking actions based on this information	22	A. Yes.
23	or I don't recall who informed me of the incident.	23	Q. And was it substantiated?
24	Q. Fair enough.	24	A. I would say, yes, that to explain it could
25	A. So there's multiple ways this could have	25	be any any of the people working on the draw
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1	been brought to my attention.	1	works. In our investigation we would look for
2	Q. Could have been conveyed to you. Fair	2	witness, people to witness and/or even the individual
3	enough.	3	himself but I don't recall the details now.
4	A. Yes.	4	Q. And upon the incident being substantiated,
5	Q. Then let me ask you the next follow-up	5	did you recommend that Mr. Hunt be disciplined,
6	question: As of April 24th of 2009, had you already	6	reprimanded?
7	been aware of this allegation from Mr. Garza?	/	A. I don't recall.
8	A. I would say yes.	8	Q. Now, was your investigation completed by
9	Q. As of April the 13th of 2009, have you	9 10	April 24th, 2009?
10	already been aware of that allegation?	Į.	A. Yes.
11	MS. WHITE: Objection. Form.	11 12	Q. Whom did you speak with to investigate the
13	A. Of April the 13th? I don't know the	13	poking incident?
14	significance of that date.	13 14	A. I don't recall. It's strictly speculation,
15	Q. (By Mr. Costea) You're saying that on April	15	but the first action would be the group leader to see
16	the 13th Garza was alleged to have used racial	16	if they were aware of the incident and any individuals
17	language.	17	that might have been working in the area.
18	A. Oh, excuse me. I think I recall that it was	18	Q. And who was the group leader? A. William Goff was the group leader over the
19	maybe at the same time that there were some words	19	t
20	exchanged between these two gentlemen that that might	20	draw works. Q. Is the name Rudy Lopez familiar to you?
21	be the incident for at the same time of the poking or	21	
22	whatever that there was words exchanged.	22	A. Rudy Lopez, yes, I recall the name.
23	Q. I see. So your understanding is that when	23	Q. Do you recall what his job position was in 2009?
24	Mr. Garza was poked Mr. Garza responded with racial comments?	24	A. I'm trying to recall. I'm trying to
14 =	COMMITMS!		
25	A. Yes.	25	visualize the guy. Whether Rudy is in the draw works,

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1	I don't recall. I don't recall where he was. I	1	Q. (By Mr. Costea) Do you see that box being
2	visually don't see the gentleman. The name I know.	2	checked?
3	Q. As of – going back to exhibit – page 2 of	3	A. Let me read the document here a minute.
4	Exhibit No. 3, I think it's that one that you have in	4	Q. Absolutely. Go ahead, please.
5	front of you. As of April 27	5	A. After reading this, I recall several of
6	A. Which page?	6	these incidents.
7	Q. Page 2.	7	Q. Did you
8	A. 146?	8	A. I forget your question.
9	Q. Yes, sir. As of April 27, 2009, have you	9	Q. I'm sorry, sir?
10	informed Mr. Butler about the complaint from	10	A. What was your question?
11	Mr. Garza well, about the poking incident?	11	Q. Yes, sir. Let me see if I can put this in
12	A. I would say that I had spoken to Mr. Butler	12	context. The corrective action report which appears
13	prior to the 27th or of the 27th of the and it	13	in Exhibit No. 3 and it's Bates stamped 147 at the
14	could have even I'm speculating now. I don't	14	bottom of the page, did you fill out this form
15	recall whether he was I would have probably used	15	yourself?
16	his expertise in the investigation, but I can't recall	16	A. I don't recall whether I filled this one out
17	it.	17	or whether it was filled out by somebody else.
18	Q. That's fine. It's probably best not to	18	Q. Now, look at the witness signature at the
19	speculate if you don't know.	19	bottom of that page. It says Meredith Black, right?
20	A. I just don't know.	20	A. Yes.
21	Q. No problem. Now	21	Q. Is that person familiar to you, known to
22	A. I know that I talked to Bill and brought him	22	you?
23	in to witness this. Now, whether that was on the 27th	23	A. Yes.
24	or whether it was the day before but I know that at	24	Q. Was she employed with NOV back in May of
25	some point I told Bill of what we had, gave him the	25	2. Was she employed with NOV back in May of 2009?
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1	facts, and anything when I look and see this form	1	A. Yes.
2	as being a termination form, that's pretty extreme and	2	A. res. Q. What was her job?
3	I would have had Bill for counseling and all before I	3	
4	did anything. So there was discussion between he and	4	A. She was HR with corporate.
5	I.	5	Q. Meaning she was not HR at FM 529? A. Correct.
6	Q. Now, did you speak with Mr. Hunt himself	6	Q. And I suppose that she was present when
7	about the poking incident?	7	you when this corrective action report was given to
8	A. Yes.	8	Mr. Garza, correct?
9	Q. Did he acknowledge, did he admit?	9	A. Yes.
10	A. I don't recall.	10	Q. Do you know why she was physically present
11	Q. You don't recall anything he said in	11	at the 529 location when this document was given to
12	response?	12	Mr. Garza?
13	A. No. I'm sorry.	13	A. The severity of the corrective action I
14	Q. Going on to the next page of that same	14	would have involved all the expertise I could get.
15	document of that same exhibit, we have another	15	Q. Did you suggest that Mr. Garza be suspended?
16	corrective action notice that was given to Mr. Garza,	16	A. I don't recall that I did.
17	this one on May the 1st of 2009, right?	17	Q. And so you cannot tell me whether or not
18	A. Yes.	18	somebody else came up with the suggestion that he be
19	Q. And this document reflects a date of	19	suspended, right?
20	incident of May the 1st of 2009, right?	20	A. I cannot.
21	A. Yes.	21	Q. In the body of the corrective action report
22	Q. And then the type of warning or action taken	22	under "Description of incident," there's an allegation
23	against Mr. Garza was a suspension/final warning,	23	that "After further investigation, your allegation of
24	right?	24	sexual assault has not been substantiated." Now, that
25	MS. WHITE: Objection. Form.	25	portion of that document, did you write those
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1	sentences or somebody else wrote the sentences?	1	but I don't there's certain requirements that are
2	A. I don't recall.	2	corporate and then I had some things that I would
3	Q. Now, when Mr. Garza was brought in to be	3	keep. You know, if I talked to you today about some
4	given this corrective action document, other than	4	of your actions, I might write a note, drop it in your
5	yourself and Ms. Black and Mr. Garza, was anybody else	5	file so that when it comes up again, you know, I've
6	present?	6	talked to you before about this. It's got to stop and
7	A. I don't recall.	7	then that may become a written deal.
8	Q. And according to this document, Mr. Garza	8	Q. Fair enough.
9		9	A. I mean, it was a tool. It was designed to
10	refused to sign it, right? A. Yes.	10	help the individuals.
11		11	
12	Q. Did you tell Ms. Black that you investigated	12	Q. Sure. And where did you keep those
13	the poking incident and it was substantiated?	13	folders? In your office?
)	MS. WHITE: Objection. Form.	1	A. Yes.
14	A. I don't recall that I told her that. I	14	Q. And you left them behind when you left?
15	don't recall.	15	A. Yes.
16	Q. (By Mr. Costea) Now, the first sentence	16	Q. Can you give us some details about the
17	under "Description of incident" talks about an	17	folders like, I don't know, like a file cabinet?
18	allegation of sexual assault, right?	18	A. It would have been in a file cabinet,
19	A. Yes.	19	employees' names, and the folders and I can tell you
20	Q. Do you know whether or not this is different	20	that I did tell Jack that "Here's the personnel
21	from the poking incident that you and I talked about	21	files. You can do with them as you please. They're
22	earlier today or is it the same thing?	22	my files."
23	A. I only recall one incident.	23	Q. You said Jack Landis?
24	Q. The poking?	24	A. Yes.
25	A. Poking.	25	Q. So when you left and he took over, you
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1	Q. Because of the way this document is phrased,	1	showed him where you kept these folders that you kept
2	I apologize but I have to ask you follow-up	2	on employees?
3	questions. Did Mr. Garza other than the poking	3	A. Yes.
4	incident complain to you about Mr. Hunt quote	4	Q. And said "Here they are"?
5	"sexually assaulting him"?	5	A. I did not destroy them.
6	A. I want to think there was some words, but I	6	Q. What did Mr. Landis say in response?
7	don't recall. It wasn't just a poke. I think there	7	A. I don't recall his comments.
8	was some words, but I don't recall.	8	Q. Do you have a distant recollection that you
9	Q. Now, did you yourself create any memos, any	9	created or kept a folder on Mr. Garza?
10	documents concerning your investigation and what you	10	A. I had a folder on all employees.
11	were told about the poking incident like?	11	Q. On all of them?
12	A. I would think that I had some form of	12	A. Yes.
13	written of my documents to support this action but	13	Q. And we appreciate your testimony. You're
14	I don't recall that I do. I just think that I would	14	trying to lay hands on just about everything that was
15	have done so.	15	created during this period of time about incidents, so
16	Q. Like a memo, a report of investigation?	16	on and so forth. So we appreciate that.
17	A. Yeah, investigation, individuals, and things	17	There's an allegation on the same page
18	of that nature. I mean, I had my personal files that	18	the last sentence says that "Kicking chairs in the
19	I kept that was not always necessarily for everybody	19	lunchroom, further acts of aggression, or any other
20	else.	20	inappropriate acts or comments made in jest will lead
21	Q. What do you mean personal files? On	21	to your immediate termination." Did anyone bring up
22	workers?	22	to your attention the fact that Mr. Garza was alleged
23		23	to have kicked chairs in the lunchroom?
24	A. Yeah. It's just like if I when I wanted	24	A. Yes.
	to refer to give somebody an increase, I might put	25	
25	things in the note at times and things that people do	: / ¬	Q. Did you actually see him kick chairs in the

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1	lunchroom?	1	A. I wouldn't say friends. I think Richard
2	A. I did not see.	2	respected him as an employee and if he was walking
3	Q. How large was the lunchroom?	3	through the shop and somebody wanted to talk about the
4	A. Had multiple lunch rooms. As best I recall,	4	projects or something, he would stop. Richard was a
5	this was a small room that was approximately two	5	hands on type individual with what was going on on the
6	thirds the width of this office here maybe that he	6	production floor and it wasn't uncommon for him to
7	would take his lunch break.	7	walk over to an individual and say "How is your
8	Q. With other coworkers?	8	project going? You've got any problems or anything
9	A. With other workers.	9	else?" He's just doing diligence.
10	Q. The same sentence talks about acts of	10	Q. How do you know that Mr. Urquhart respected
11	aggression. Are you aware of any acts of aggression	11	Mr. Garza?
12	by Mr. Garza?	12	A. How do I know that he respected
13	A. Yes.	13	Q. Respected Mr. Garza?
14	Q. Go ahead.	14	A. When you say that, I guess only thing I'm
15		15	thinking is he respected him as an employee doing his
16	A. What I term aggression was that it wasn't uncommon for him to make comments to individuals	16	job but I had conversation with Richard myself about
17	about, you know, "I can get you fired or this or that	17	these comments that he was using him as a threat to
18		18	individuals and Richard told me that he would go talk
19	if you don't leave me alone or give me the tool" or,	19	to him himself.
20	you know, just whatever the case was he would often	20	Q. Now, Mr. Urquhart I understand was replaced
21	make comments to people.	21	by no, I'm sorry, Mr. Urquhart was still there when
22	Q. Yeah, off the wall comments I understand but	22	you left in the summer or May of 2009, right?
23	I'm talking about acts of aggression meaning	23	
	physically aggressive or threatening somebody with, I	24	A. Yes, he was there; but he was due to leave
24	don't know, a tool, a knife, a stick.	25	shortly.
25	MS. WHITE: Objection. Form.	23	Q. Same deal, retirement?
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1	Q. (By Mr. Costea) That's what I'm looking	1	A. No. I don't I don't know. I don't know
2	for.	2	his deal.
3	A. I don't know that I can recall anyone	3	Q. No problem. I think that's all I have about
4	telling me that he's picked up a tool or anything that	4	that document.
5	you're asking about.	5	(Exhibit No. 4 marked.)
6	Q. And do you know whether or not when he would	6	Q. (By Mr. Costea) We are looking at a
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1	Q. No problem.	2	Q. Okay.
2	A. I don't know that I didn't.	3	(Exhibit No. 7 marked.)
3	(Exhibit No. 5 marked.)	4	
4	Q. (By Mr. Costea) We are looking at another		Q. (By Mr. Costea) Mr. Miller, I have a copy
5	performance evaluation on Mr	5	of your business card in Exhibit No. 7 given to me by
6	A. Now I see the top of it. I can't say I've	6	defense counsel and you're identified in that business
7	seen the form, but I know what it is now.	7	card as manufacturing manager, right?
8	Q. Tell me, please.	8	A. Yes.
9	A. Mr. Butler conducted forklift training	9	Q. Was that your official job title? Is there
10	classes and evaluated the people in order to give them	10	a difference between -
11	a license to operate the forklifts.	11	A. Well, let me explain.
12	Q. Oh, I see.	12	Q. Yes. Go ahead.
13	A. I never did qualify as a forklift.	13	A. I believe corporate carried it as a
14	Q. It's not a performance evaluation?	14	production manager. I worked at multiple plants and
15	A. No. It's for a license to operate the	15	the cards in those facilities, it was considered
16	forklift.	16	manufacturing manager, different ones and I think this
17	Q. Thank you very much for pointing that out to	17	is a card but I want to believe that their records may
18	me. I will pass that I mean I will put that to the	18	reflect production manager but I don't know exactly
19	side.	19	what was in their files.
20	(Exhibit No. 6 marked.)	20	(Exhibit No. 8 marked.)
21	Q. (By Mr. Costea) We are now looking at	21	Q. (By Mr. Costea) We are looking at Exhibit
22	Exhibit No. 6, and it seems to me that Exhibit No. 6	22	No. 8. It's a safety meeting and training report, the
23	is a performance evaluation. Am I right or wrong	23	first page February 12, 2008. This document is signed
24	about that?	24	by a Brenda Waters. Is that name familiar to you?
25	A. It's a performance evaluation.	25	A. Yes.
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1	Q. Does this document help you remember whether	1	Q. Do you recall what her job position was with
2	or not you did it?	2	NOV back in February of 2007?
3	A. To remember whether I did this one?	3	A. She was assistant to Mr. Butler.
1	Q. Yes.	4	Q. Next page, please. We have a training
4	A. I don't recall that I did because group	5	report of August 20th, 2007 on work place violence.
5		6	The trainer's name is identified as Joel Cantu. Is
6	leaders were required to fill out for their	7	that name familiar to you?
7	individuals for their employees.	8	A. Yes. Joe came in after Brenda as one of
8	Q. On page 1 do you recognize the handwriting	9	
9	at the top where it says "Department draw works	10	Mr. Butler's assistants. Q. Mr. Miller, that's all I have. I'm done
10	assembly cell"?	11	
11	A. Do I recognize who wrote it?	12	with my documents. I don't think I have anymore
12	Q. The handwriting.	13	questions for you. I want to thank you very much for
13	A. I don't recognize the handwriting.	1	being here today unless she's got questions for you.
14	Q. What about the name Jose Garza, that's not	14	MS. WHITE: I don't have any
15	your handwriting either?	15	questions. Defense doesn't have any questions at this
16	A. No, not mine.	16	time.
17	Q. Do you recall having done any performance	17	MR. COSTEA: Mr. Miller, again, thank
18	evaluations on Mr. Garza?	18	you. Pass the witness.
19	A. I don't recall whether I did. I think this	19	THE WITNESS: Glad to assist.
20	form was implemented toward the end of my employment	20	(Deposition concluded at 11:40 a.m.)
21	and prior to that as you saw earlier the notes, emails	21	
22	that I would do was the form of evaluations and	22	
23	progressive deals. I don't recall exactly how long	23	
24	this form was used but each supervisor when I say	24	
25	supervisor, group leaders were to evaluate their	25	

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